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NOTES

"Vancouver's Discovery of Puget Sound," by Professor Edmond S. Meany, of the University of Washington, which appears from the press of the Macmillan Company (1907), is a composite production. The most important part of the book is a reprint of about three hundred and fifty pages from the second volume of the second edition of Vancouver's journal, published in 1801. To this is prefixed an introductory chapter; a brief biography of Vancouver; a chapter on "Historic Nootka Sound;" and a chapter on the life of Don Francisco de la Bodega y Quadra, the Spanish commandant of the marine establishment of St. Blas and California, who, after the Nootka Convention of 1790, represented on the northwest coast of America the interests of the Spanish monarchy, as Vancouver did those of Great Britain. As to the facts of the lives of these two men, the author has carried out not a little research; the rest of his work consists of notes upon the journal. The book is liberally illustrated with maps, photographs of portraits of men of the time and reproductions of some of the engravings in the original Vancouver's journal. The advanced student will find neither a definitive edition of the entire journal, nor an exhaustive monograph upon the subject which the book undertakes to discuss; but the general reader will find a pleasant introduction to the early beginnings of white settlement on Puget Sound. It is interesting also as the product of that local historical enthusiasm which is so important for the preservation of the records of the past.

In the ninth volume of the "Publications of the Mississippi Historical Society" (Oxford, Mississippi, 1906), Professor Franklin L. Riley continues his work of editing materials that relate to Mississippi history. This stout volume of nearly six hundred pages opens with a report on the proceedings of the eighth public meeting, by the editor, who also contributes two papers, one on "The Life and Literary Services of Dr. John Monette," and one entitled "A Contribution to the History of

the Colonization Movement in Mississippi." There are also several articles on the period of the Civil War and Reconstruction and several upon points of local interest. A brief and scholarly paper by Professor B. W. Bond, Jr., treats of "Monroe's Efforts to Secure Free Navigation of the Mississippi River during his Mission to France;" while Mr. J. W. Wade contributes a valuable historic legal essay on "Lands of the Liquidating Levee Board through Litigation and Legislation." There is printed from a manuscript left by Dr. Gideon Lindeum, his "Life of Apushimataha," a very interesting narrative. The volume concludes with two reprints: "A trip through the Piney Woods" by Col. J. F. H. Claiborne, originally published in the *Natchez Free Trader and Gazette* in 1841-2; and "A Brief History of the Mississippi Territory, etc." by James Hall, A.M., printed in 1801. This, says Professor Riley, was the first history of the Mississippi Territory, and the only copy known is in the Library of Congress. Mississippi is to be congratulated on the continued and increasing interest in historical matters that is evidenced by the publications of her State Historical Society.